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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Possibly showers, and cooler.

IT'S COMING SOON.

Long before the end of the first decade of the twentieth century, Astoria must be in possession of all those commercial advantages to which she is naturally and logically entitled. This gives her three years in which to wrestle with the Portland potentialities and it should be ample to win her quest. To make the acquisition of the lesser things very much easier, she must unite her every interest and influence in the gaining of the common point rate on wheat at this port. This done, the rest is comparatively easy of conquest. The commercial world knows we do not possess it because of the inordinate greed of Portland, and that barrier has to be smashed, and smashed it will be within the limit named.

The O. R. & N. has for a score of years absorbed every differential that operated against the city that has coddled it, petted it, marked its limitations for Portland's own essential benefit. The great railway system that now controls the O. R. & N. may soon have to face contingencies in traffic development that will make the domination of Portland secondary to the greater and more imperative demands of the coast territory that is to be opened up at half a dozen widely separated points; and the policy of digesting the commercial morsels against which the maw of Portland rebels may become so irksome as to be summarily and finally abandoned. It may be good enough policy where but one terminal city is involved in the sacrifice, but the wider interests arising will make demands for consideration quite over-shadowing the special favor so interminably shown the metropolis and the common-point rate will, in sheer defense of an expanding business, reach the cities on the salty margins of the Pacific. It should have been here long years ago; even Portland knew that, and only Portland prevented it; but great and influential as is the Oregon metropolis, her municipal interests are to prove less, in the scale of the state's development, than they ever have in days gone by.

THE LINE TO BE DRAWN.

The long-suffering Astoria public is exhibiting an unwonted patience with the antics of the licensed disreputables here, but a few more drunken minors on public exhibition in this city will be the signal for a radical change of sentiment that will put the prohibition test at work in more wards than one. The saloon man who desires to keep his business going, had best get in and snub his reckless fellow merchant to a point where the boys of the city will find it impossible to get intoxicated. Drunken children are the indubitable sign for revolt against the liquor business and the revolution is liable to be sweeping when it occurs. It is one degree of infamy at which all communities, the world over, however wide-open they may be, draw the line; and the line once drawn, upon such an hypothesis, will strangle the whole commerce; those who do not permit such a clientele in their places as well as those who do. A word to the wise, etc.

It is estimated that the people of the United States consume 20,000,000 pounds of salt per annum.

OLD FASHIONED WOMAN THE BEST

The old fashioned woman said little and spanked much; the new fashioned woman says much and spans little. When one thinks of the spanking he used to get he is inclined to think the new fashioned is the best, but when he sees the eight, ten and twelve year old boys standing around on the streets smoking pipes and cursing and swearing, and chewing tobacco, he is rather inclined to think the departed old fashioned woman is a sad loss to society.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Men are queer. Wouldn't there be a roar when they went home to their meals if they had to climb up on a high stool in front of a table on which there was no cloth, and eat their meals in that fashion, yet a majority of men, when they go to a restaurant to eat, will pick out the high stool and the feed board to a comfortable chair with a cloth covered table. A man will borrow a chew of tobacco and most of them will set their teeth into the plug right where some other man gnawed out a chew. Offer him a piece of pie at home from which his wife or one of the children had taken a bite and he would holler his head off. At home he will not drink out of a glass cup from which some one of the family had been drinking. Call him into the back stall of a livery barn, pull out a bottle and he will stick the neck of the bottle half way down his throat in order to get a swig, after a half dozen fellows had the neck of the bottle in their mouths. A man is a queer duck.

The day of cheap newspapers is drawing to an end. The postoffice department has decided to refuse second class rates of postage to papers and magazines furnished below cost and giving premiums to secure subscribers, and the result will be the death of many papers run only for advertising purposes.

Statistics estimate that twenty-two acres of land are necessary to sustain one man on fresh meat. The same space of land if devoted to wheat culture would feed forty-two people; if to oats, eighty-eight; potatoes, Indian corn and rice, 176, and if to the plantain or banana, over 6,000 people.

The oldest junk dealer in the United States is Minerva Lucinda Percis Melinda Lee Davis of Columbus, Ind. This aged woman, who weighs scarcely an ounce over eighty-four pounds, is no larger than a child. Although she is 90 years old, she works on with untiring efforts in trying to earn her living by gathering junk from the byways of Columbus.

There's a peg loose somewhere. If parents who have given their children care and shelter through childhood years have to spend their declining days in the county poor farm when either son or daughter has so much as a roof for shelter or two crusts of bread.

The eight muscles of the human jaw exert a force of about five hundred pounds, and yet they are at times unable to drive the teeth through a mouthful of packing-house beef that has been under treatment in the hospital of one of the institutions.

What are you doing for your town? If you have no confidence in the growth and improvement of the town and country in which you live, how on earth do you expect other people to move among you and cause the country to develop and grow for your benefit?

"Think what a dreadful world this would be," says an exchange. "If all the people were like you." But think how much more dreadful it would be if they were just like your neighbor.—Kansas City Journal.

The Chicago man who returned home after thirty-one years' absence, and gave his wife \$5,999 got off rather cheaply after all in the support of the family—about \$3.25 a week.

Never judge by appearances. A shabby coat may contain an editor, while the man wearing a plug hat and yellow kid gloves may be a delinquent subscriber.

The New York Life Insurance company has 12,200 policy-holders in Germany and the Mutual has from 6,000 to 7,000.

The man who brought English sparrows to this country died a few days ago in Connecticut. It is to be hoped that he repented in time.

If at fast you miss yer aim,
Don't let yer feet git cold an' quit,
But keep a buckin' at the game
An' you will git there sometime yit.

Recent Attacks on the American Beef Industry

By J. OGDEN ARMOUR, "King of the Beef Packers"

THE inspection now in force in all the larger packing houses makes the sale of diseased meat from such houses IMPOSSIBLE. The government, which is responsible for the inspection, has failed to state the facts about it.

The larger packers believe in government inspection. THEY ASKED FOR IT in the first place. They want it continued and improved, if it can be improved.

We will give any meat inspection law that may be passed our heartiest co-operation and support. Armour & Co. have not at any time opposed legislation to improve meat inspection and to extend it. We believe this can be said, too, of all the other large packing concerns.



Certain minor sections of the beef legislation, as first presented, were objectionable. They were apparently put into the bill by persons who had no knowledge of or regard for the practical side of any business. But I believe all the large packers are heartily in favor of the purposes which the pending bills are intended to accomplish, namely:

Thorough inspection of all animals before slaughter.

Thorough inspection of the sanitary condition of the packing houses.

THOROUGH INSPECTION OF THE PRODUCTS THAT GO TO THE CONSUMER IN FORMS OTHER THAN IN BULK.

We are able to say with exact truth that every pound of meat in our plants, for local use as well as for export, is inspected and passed in accordance with the FULL REGULATIONS of the department of agriculture and the bureau of animal industry. Every day carcasses and meats that would be passed for food in Germany and other foreign countries are condemned in our houses and converted into grease and fertilizer.

I have seen it stated that these scandalous attacks upon the American meat industry were precipitated by the OPPOSITION OF THE PACKERS to proposed legislation. That is not true. My information is—and the newspaper files will bear me out—that the flood of slanders was well started before a suggestion of legislation was heard. We never heard of the so called Beveridge amendment until it was introduced. Everything provided for in the legislation could have been accomplished without any of the DAMAGING SENSATIONALISM we have had if the co-operation of the packers had been desired or had been accepted WHEN PROFFERED.

AS THE REPORT TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS PUTS IT, THE PURPOSE OF THE "REFORMERS" SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO KILL THE INDUSTRY FIRST AND THEN REFORM IT.

NO ONE WILL DIE.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—At 7 o'clock last night the relief train from the Southern Pacific wrecked train at Sea Cliff near Ventura bearing the more into the depot. Awaiting it was a big than two score injured passengers pulled crowd of people, among them many anxious relatives and friends.

Dr. G. W. Hutchison, the company's resident surgeon, assisted by a corps of doctors and nurses transferred the crippled and bandaged people to many ambulances, automobiles and carriages in waiting. So slowly had these to be driven that nearly two hours elapsed before the last of the sufferers was conveyed to the Sisters Hospital, more than two miles distant from the depot.

At a late hour tonight, Dr. Hutchison gave it as his judgment that none of the injured will die, though before thorough examination had been made it was feared that not all would survive.

CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED.

GRODNO, Sept. 11.—On the parade ground here yesterday an unknown man killed Chief of Police Grizdoff with a revolver. The assassin escaped.

HUNTING FILIBUSTERS.

NORFOLK, Sept. 11.—The cruiser Des Moines sailed yesterday for the Florida coast in search of filibustering expeditions, several of which are reported to be heading for Cuba with arms for the insurgents.

DANGER OF FAMINE.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The Lokal Anzeiger's correspondent at Siedloe says that famine threatens the inhabitants of that place. All shops and offices have been closed and dead silence prevails in the town.

SPRAINS.

S. A. Read, Cisco, Tex., writes, March 11, 1901: My wrist was sprained so badly by a fall that it was useless; and after using several remedies that failed to give relief, used Ballard's Snow Liniment, and was cured. I earnestly recommend it to any one suffering from sprains. Hart's Drug Store.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

SUPPORTS ADMINISTRATION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—James C. Colgate, head of the banking firm of James E. Colgate & Company of this city and holder of a \$1,500,000 policy the Mutual Life Insurance company, has made public a letter supporting the "administration" ticket of the Mutual. The letter was addressed to about 30 of the largest policyholders of the company and calls for a meeting in this city on Wednesday next to organize a Mutual Life Protective Association which shall have as its object the election of the "administration" ticket and to further support the administration of the company. With the exception of Rodman Wanamaker of Philadelphia, Mr. Colgate is the largest life insurance policyholder in the United States. In his letter, Mr. Colgate criticizes the methods of the International Policyholders' committee in its campaign against the New York Life and the Mutual Life Insurance companies.

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WILD RUMOR.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—A wild and groundless rumor perpetrated a spectacular run yesterday on the Pullman Loan & Savings Bank, the local institution of the Pullman company at Pullman, Ill. During the day \$38,000 was paid out. The bank is believed on all sides to be in excellent condition, and moreover is backed by the Pullman company with its \$22,000,000 of wealth. The institution has more than \$2,500,000 in savings and \$800,000 in commercial accounts.

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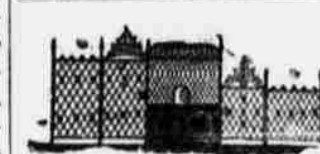
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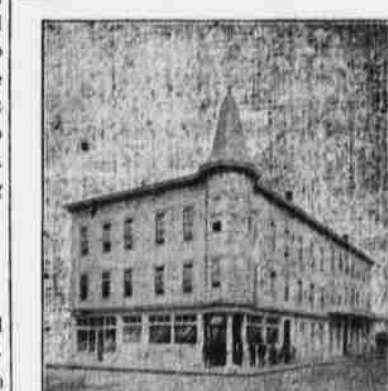
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